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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) No representations have been received by the Government against the amendments. Certain criticisms made by the South India Teachers' Union in respect of these amendments have appeared in the newspapers. A Press Note (No. 22, dated 18th March 1954), has been issued clarifying the position and pointing out the misapprehensions on which the criticisms were based."

Implementation of the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal by B.N. Press, Madras.

* 805 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the Government did not take steps to get the award given by the Labour Appellate Tribunal on 25th November 1953 implemented by the B.N. Press, Madras-2, regarding reinstatement of a worker with back wages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Since the order of the Appellate Tribunal was published on 6th January 1954, the Government are taking steps to recover the dues, and to prosecute the management if they do not reinstate the worker."

Gazetted officers stationed for more than three years in the City in the Electricity Department.

* 806 Q.—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of engineers in the gazetted rank who have been in the Electricity Department, Madras Electricity System (Madras City), for more than three years; and

(b) whether there is any Government Order to the effect that no officer should continue in a particular station for more than three years?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Fourteen.

" (b) Yes. Instructions have been issued that gazetted officers of the rank of Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers should not ordinarily be retained in the same station for more than three years. On grounds of administrative convenience and efficiency of the department or the nature of any contract post, however, it may be necessary on occasions, to retain some officers for over three years in the same station."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, is it not a fact that in the South Zone Madras Electricity System, officers who have been working for more than three years, are still stationed there? "